(c) and (d) Corporate sector, who are proposing investment in the state, as a part of their corporate social responsibilities, have been asked to strengthen existing ITIs & Polytechnics and to develop teaching infrastructure in the state for developing and imparting technical skills and aptitude among local youth and create opportunities for providing employment to local youth/tribals.

Registered trade unions in SEZs

†821. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new trade unions registered so far in Special Economic Zones operating in the country at present;

(b) the number of trade unions already registered in those Zones;

(c) the number of member-workers of all the new and the old trade unions operating in those Zones; and

(d) whether formation of new trade unions in these Special Economic Zones would not be possible now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to .(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Vocational training centres in Tamil Nadu

822. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vocational training centres set up under Central schemes for providing Craftsmanship/Apprenticeship Training in Tamil Nadu, district-wise, With the intake of each;

(b) when these training centres were upgraded last; and

(c) the steps taken to provide training to rural youth through these centres, so as to train them to take up jobs in BPO centres, call centres, etc.?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) (i) Central Training Institute, Chennai, was setup by Dirctorate General of Employment & Training for imparting training to Instructors of Industrial Training Institutes/ Centres. It also offers courses under the Craftsmen Training Scheme with intake capacity of 240 trainees.

(ii) Regional Directorate of Apprenticeship Training, Chennai implements Apprenticeship Training Scheme in Central establishment with about 5090 located seats in Tamil Nadu.

(b) Training facilities are upgraded from time to time to meet the skill requirements of the Industry, including last year.

(c) Training facilities created for computer related trades are also utilized by rural youth to enable them to take up jobs in BPO centres and call centres

Meeting with Central Trade Unions

823. SHRI CHiTTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting, scheduled to be held by Labour Minister with the Centra! Trade Unions on 25th October, 2006 regarding violation of labour laws in different States, was postponed;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the likely date of next meeting;

(c) whether CITU had sent a memorandum citing violations of Labour laws in various States, as well as in Central Government Departments, like CPWD; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government on the points raised in the memorandum?

THE MINISTER OF STATE.OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) A meeting was fixed on 24.10.2006 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister of State for Labour and Employment with the Central Trade Union leaders to discuss